

National Preparedness Month 2013

National Preparedness Month Proclamations

Government officials have the authority to issue proclamations for special occasions and events. Proclamations call attention to a particular subject at the request of the public, and they designate a period of time (day, week, or month) for raising awareness for a specific cause. Proclamations can be initiated by an individual or local group identifying a cause that impacts the region and warrants a call to action. See below for a customizable template for outreach to your government officials asking them to declare September National Preparedness Month in your area.

NPM PROCLAMATION REQUEST TEMPLATE

[MONTH] [DAY], 2013

Dear [OFFICIAL'S NAME HERE]:

Every year the President issues a proclamation declaring September as National Preparedness Month. Several state governments have also followed suit and provided proclamations raising awareness for emergency preparedness in their respective states. Today, I am writing to urge you to help **[AUDIENCE – EXAMPLE: HAWAIIANS]** take concrete action toward preparing for emergencies and disasters by declaring September National Preparedness Month in **[REGION, TOWN or STATE]**.

NPM was originally created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) *Ready* Campaign in response to the tragic events of 9/11 in order to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies. This year's NPM campaign focuses on the theme: You Can Be the Hero. FEMA and the *Ready* Campaign urge communities around the country to take the pledge in order to be better prepared for disasters.

Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of **[REGION, TOWN or STATE]**. It takes a team effort to ensure that we are ready for any disaster. Please help us encourage individuals, families, organizations, and businesses within our community to make an emergency plan, put together an emergency supply kit, and join in local efforts to become a community preparedness partner.

The *Ready* Campaign and **[PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS]** encourage everyone to participate in preparedness activities and to get their families, businesses, neighborhoods, and communities prepared. Only by working together as a team, can we be truly ready for emergencies and disasters.

For free information on how to get prepared, individuals can visit the *Ready* websites at Ready.gov and Listo.gov. These activities, along with a vigilant public, contribute to an overall level of preparedness that is critical to the safety of our **[REGION, TOWN or STATE]** and the entire country.

We hope you will join us in encouraging our community to become more involved and engaged in emergency preparedness by declaring September National Preparedness Month in **[REGION, TOWN or STATE]**. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]
[TITLE, ORGANIZATION]
[PHONE/E-MAIL]

NPM PROCLAMATION TEMPLATE

PROCLAMATION

National Preparedness Month, September 2013

WHEREAS, “National Preparedness Month” creates an important opportunity for every resident of **[REGION, TOWN or STATE]** to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps, and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of **[REGION, TOWN or STATE]** and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of **[REGION, TOWN or STATE]** are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to visit the websites of the *Ready* campaign at Ready.gov or Listo.gov (in Spanish) and become more prepared.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **[GOVERNING BODY]** hereby proclaims September, 2013 as National Preparedness Month, and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a more prepared society.

DATED this ____ Day of _____ 2013 by the **[GOVERNING BODY]**

NAME, TITLE